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1974 or in 1974, of course, if you looked at what a small estate might include, it might include a car and maybe a checking account. And that car, back in the early seventies, you could get a new car for, what, seven or eight thousand dollars. So when you talk about a car it's very clearly going to be below that amount. So those truly small estates were covered by that, by that dollar figure. Now, however, even used cars are running, pushing up towards that ten thousand dollar limit, so just by merely owning a car it might require that a probate estate, that a formal probate or informal probate be opened. And so what this bill seeks to do is to increase that level from ten thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars, which again seeks to make an allowance for small estates not having to incur attorney's fees and court costs when you're really truly talking about a small estate. So that is, it's a simple change. All it does is changes that figure. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions and I would urge the body to advance the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Any discussion? Senator Lindsay, there are no lights on, would you like to close? Closing is waived. The question is, shall LB 909 be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, p, on the advancement of 909.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 909 is advanced. LB 1046.

CLERK: LB 1046, Mr. President, a bill by Senator Bernard-Stevens. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this was a bill that as the Clerk mentioned, went to the Judiciary Committee, had a relatively quick hearing. There was no opposition and it advanced out unanimously from the committee, which I was very appreciative of that. When we passed 988 a few years ago we put in a couple of deadlines knowing that the deadlines were relatively meaningless, but we wanted to try to put some urgency in trying to get the community